

office of the United States Supreme Court, with a tenure of four years?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I believe that is so, but I was under the impression we were writing a state constitution.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: I think you are correct there. This information is supplied by Delegate Burgess, who is rated number one commissioner in the State of Maryland, and is on our delegation from Prince George's County.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I congratulate him.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there further questions of the minority spokesman?

*(There was no response.)*

Any further questions?

*(There was no response.)*

If not, while he returns to his desk I will ask the clerk to read the amendment.

I will ask the chief page to distribute the amendment. It will be Amendment No. 1. Do you have the amendment?

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1, to accompany Minority Report No. JB-1 to Committee Recommendation JB-1, by Delegates Johnson, Harkness, Hickman, Kahl, Murphy, Siewierski, and Rush: On page 1 in line 11 of Section 5.01 Judicial Power strike out the word "exclusively"; and in line 14 after the word "Court" add the following: "and other courts that may be provided by law."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment seconded?

*(Whereupon, the amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been moved and seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Johnson.

This is a period of controlled debate, fifteen minutes to Delegate Johnson, fifteen minutes to Delegate Mudd.

Delegate Johnson, you may speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, may I say at the outset as we indicated to Chairman Powers of the Calendar Committee that the minority of the committee will probably not need all of our controlled time. Quite frankly, I did not think we

would reach the judicial article. I am pleased we did reach it so early, but I did not believe we would reach it so early, and I did not have either the desire or the inclination to collar other delegates to speak on this amendment. Certainly there are members of the minority who will speak to certain specific amendments, but they do not desire to speak to each and every amendment for the benefit of the Committee of the Whole.

THE CHAIRMAN: May the Chair say that you are not only not compelled to use the entire time allotted to you, but we will be delighted if you do not.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I believe that the remarks that I made to the questions, made the issue very clear with respect to Amendment No. 1 to section 5.01. If it is in order, Mr. Chairman, I will allot three minutes to Delegate Siewierski.

DELEGATE SIEWIERSKI: I will give you that privilege. You mean to allot it immediately?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: To speak to it, yes. I believe I have said about all I can say on that particular section.

Delegate Siewierski.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Siewierski is recognized for three minutes.

DELEGATE SIEWIERSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, we are confronted with a significant issue. Many people follow some type of procedure in trying to reach a conclusion. The first step is, they usually vote for those with some authority; secondly, they vote for the experience of others, and thirdly, they deliberate within themselves.

Our request is that you follow this procedure in deciding a question of the restrictiveness of the judicial power for the court or for the State of Maryland.

I would like you to consider the model state constitution of the National Municipal League as an authority, or at least a guide on the matter of constitutional drafting. This model recommends that the section on judicial power include some flexibility by the statement, "such courts of limited jurisdiction as may be provided by law."

Now, granted it does state limited jurisdiction, it does provide flexibility.